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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS

1. UNITED STATES LAW REQUIRES THAT ANY PERSON IMPORTING WILDLIFE INTO THE U.S. PRESENT EXPORT PERMITS OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION FROM THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN TO SHOW THAT THE LAWS OF THAT COUNTRY WERE NOT VIOLATED WHEN THE WILDLIFE WAS TAKEN OR EXPORTED. IF THE WILDLIFE LAWS OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY WERE VIOLATED AND THE WILDLIFE INVOLVED WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SHIPPED IN FOREIGN COMMERCE, THEN THE U.S. LACEY ACT (18 USC 43) MAY HAVE BEEN VIOLATED. THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCING THESE LAWS.

2. RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE, ON AUGUST 20, 1975, TWO (2) POLISHED ELEPHANT TUSKS WERE IMPORTED INTO THE U.S. AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA. THESE TUSKS HAD BEEN EXPORTED FROM KINSHASA, ZAIRE BY MR. VAL D. SKLENAR. NO GOZ EXPORT PERMITS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS SHOWING LEGAL ACQUISITION AND EXPORT HAVE BEEN FURNISHED BY MR. SKLENAR WHO STATES THESE TUSKS UNCLASSIFIED

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WERE GIVEN TO HIM AS A GIFT BY FRIENDS. USFWS REQUESTS

AMEMBASSY TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE GOZ AGENCY AND REQUEST
THAT THAT AGENCY ADVISE IF THESE TUSKS WERE LEGALLY EXPORT-
ED FROM ZAIRE. IF THE EXPORTATION OF THESE TUSKS VIOLATED

GOZ LAW, THEN USFWS REQUESTS AMEMBASSY'S OPINION ON HOW
COOPERATIVE GOZ WOULD BE IN ASSISTING USFWS IN INVESTIGAT-
ING POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF U.S. LAW.

3. PLEASE CAPTION REPLY, "FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT,
T. L. STRIEGLER." KISSINGER

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